

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 6-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification, and claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 are amended, and claims 8-11 are added. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the specification because the title of the invention is not descriptive. Accordingly, the title is amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,519,003 to Swayze (hereinafter "Swayze") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,297,148 to Harari et al. (hereinafter "Harari"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserts on page 3 of the Office Action that Swayze discloses an electronic camera that comprises an image capturing device, image display device, second storage device, and a reproduction mode, as claimed in claim 1. The Examiner further asserts that Swayze lacks a first storage device which achieves a first access speed faster than the second access speed and a control device, as claimed in claim 1. The Examiner further asserts on page 4 of the Office Action that Harari makes up for this deficiency. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertion.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Harari and Swayze do not disclose the first storage device holding the image data output from the image capturing device even after the image data has been output from the first storage device to the second storage device and a control device that makes a decision as to whether or not image data for display are present in the

first storage device, as claimed in amended claim 1, and similarly claimed in amended claim 6.

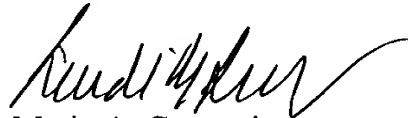
Applicant further asserts that Harari does not teach, disclose or suggest read caches that obtain data from the fast cache or "first storage device," instead of the slower secondary memory device or "second storage device," as disclosed in the specification at col. 12, line 63 – col. 13, line 10. Further, the first storage device and second storage device as claimed in amended claim 1 do not constitute the so-called cache mechanism according to Harari. Similarly, the temporary storage device and image display device, as claimed in amended claim 6, do not constitute the so-called cache mechanism according to Harari.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2 and 6-11 define patentable subject matter, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 6-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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